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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR LAMPORT AND OTHERS CONFIRMED

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED JULY 18 THE RETENTION IN THEIR
POSTS OF FOLLOWING AMBASSADORS:

JORGE LAMPORT RODIL (US)
ANGEL ARTURO RIVERA GARCIA (CANADA)
EDGAR ARTURO LOPEZ CALVA (REPUBLIC OF CHINA)
FRANCISCA FERNANDEZ HALL (COSTA RICA)
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JULIO MERIDA CASTELLANOS (EGYPT)
CARLOS LEMUS GALLARDO (EL SALVADOR)
CARLOS ENRIQUE MOLINA MUNOZ (JAPAN)
LUIS VALLADARES Y AYCINENA (VATICAN)
MRS. ANA FRANCISCA ESPANA DE MERIDA (AUSTRIA, CHARGE)

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY ALSO ANNOUNCED REPLACEMENT OF UN AMBASSADOR

JULIO ASECIO WUNDERLICH BY EDUARDO CASTILLO ARRIOLA, CURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TO OAS. GUSTAVO SANTIZO GALVEZ, AMBASSADOR TO UN ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA, REPLACES CASTILLO. SANTIZO IS CONSIDERED A TECHNICIAN.

3. ANNOUNCED SEPARATELY WAS THE APPOINTMENT OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN (OF THE PRO-ARANA CAO) AGUILES PINTO FLORES TO COLOMBIA. PINTO IS A NEWSPAPERMAN BY PROFESSION, FORMERLY WITH EL IMPARCIAL.

4. THE NEW ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE FEW CHANGES THUS FAR AMONG FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. REPLACING LUIS AYCINENA AS DEPUTY FONMIN IS ALFONSO ALONSO LIMA, FORMERLY IN CHARGE OF CENTRAL AMERICAN AFFAIRS. AYCINENA RETURNS TO HEAD LEGAL AFFAIRS.

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5. COMMENT. THE RETENTION OF LAMPORT RODIL, IF ENDURING, COMES AS A SURPRISE. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE CAPABLE LAMPORT HAD CUT HIS TIES WITH THE PID, PARTY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AND WAS NOT IN THE LUCAS CAMP. HE IS ALSO PERSONA NON GRATA WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT, VILLAGRAN KRAMER, WHICH IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE, HOWEVER, MAY MAKE HIM PERSONA GRATA TO FONMIN CASTILLO. BOSTER

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